

SUFFRAGISTS OPEN FIRST CONVENTION

National Officers of Congressional Union Will Be Nominated by Committee Today.

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Speakers Announced. Announcement of the speakers who are being heard twice daily at Keith's Theater also were made for the rest of this week.

Tomorrow afternoon Mrs. William A. Wood will talk, and tomorrow evening Miss Helen Todd will speak. On Friday, Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles and Mrs. William L. Coit will address the audiences. On Saturday, Miss Malet Vernon and Miss Helen Joliffe, of England, will be the speakers. The fraternal delegates from unorganized States and unaffiliated organizations were heard at the convention this morning. They included Mrs. Grace Benedict Coterill, from the Central Labor Union of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Howe, Civic Club, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. William Severin, Women's Republican League, Illinois; Mrs. Laura G. Fiken, of Illinois; Mrs. John Winters Brannan, chairman, Committee of 100, New York; and Mrs. Robert Adamson, president of the Women's Democratic Club, of New York city.

List of State Chairmen.

State chairmen will make reports today. These include Miss Gail Laughlin, California; Mrs. Bertha W. Fowler, of Colorado; Mrs. W. D. Asenough, of Connecticut; Mrs. Florence Bayard Hilles, Delaware; Mrs. Nina E. Alexander, District of Columbia; Mrs. V. E. Starnob, Idaho; Mrs. William Townsend Scott, Maryland; Mrs. Edward E. Critchfield, Michigan; Mrs. Alden H. Potter, Minnesota; Mrs. Anna M. Martin, of Ohio; Mrs. Cyrus Mead, Ohio; Mrs. Cornelia Cook, Oregon; Mrs. Anne Lowenberg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. John Gibbs, South Carolina; Mrs. Margaret Zane Cherdon, Utah; Mrs. J. Borden Estee, Vermont; Mrs. Sophie C. Meredith, Virginia; and Mrs. A. R. Conlin, for the North-Middle West section.

Last evening a reception in the "Little White House" was given by Mrs. C. H. Belmont in compliment to the two envoys from the Western women voters, Mrs. John G. Field and Miss Frances J. Hille.

Miss Helen Todd made a plea that women voters be made to feel that the cause of justice to women should be put before all party loyalty in 1916. "It is true," she said, "that with the women we have the advantage of a large body of voters who are not deeply attached to any party as a party, but who swing freely as their conscience dictates."

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper said that, to her mind, the "most impressive and historic scene" that had occurred on the Capitol plaza was that "of three little women voters from three States in the far West appealing for political liberty of their millions of disenfranchised sisters."

Many Notable Guests. More than 400 guests, many of them from Congressional and official life, attended. Among them were Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, Senator and Mrs. Sutherland, Senator and Mrs. Ashurst, Senator and Mrs. Henry L. Myers, Congressman Ebenezer J. Hill of Connecticut, Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Miss Constance Drexel, and Mrs. Leonard A. Yerkes. In addition to their work at their convention, the women are making every effort to preach suffrage propaganda in Washington this week.

At Keith's Theater twice daily they are putting on, at intermissions, suffrage speakers of note. Last evening Mrs. John Rogers talked, and speakers today are Mrs. William A. Wood, of Philadelphia, and Miss Helen Todd, of California.

Speaking on Streets. They also have placed the "woman's liberty bell" upon a truck, and upon a platform with this bell, notable women suffrage orators are appearing on the streets of Washington throughout the day. As soon as one speaker finishes another, however, Mrs. Chrystal Eastman Benedict, Miss Maude Younger, and Miss Mabel Vernon are among the speakers.

This bell is not to be rung until every American woman has the vote. When the nominating committee makes its report, it is predicted today, Miss Alice Paul, will be named as president of the national organization. There is no opposition to her candidacy.

Miss Todd, From Stage, Will Urge Suffrage. "Carrying out its plan of having a suffrage speaker at each performance of Keith's this week, the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage announces that Miss Helen Todd, of California, will lead the woman suffrage cause before the Keith audience tonight. Miss Todd was one of the chief speakers last night at the reception given by Mrs. C. H. Belmont in honor of the two envoys from the West.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Chrystal Eastman Benedict, a prominent suffragist from Massachusetts, and an influential member of the Women's Peace party of Massachusetts, was the speaker. Mrs. Benedict rivals Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevan in beauty, and was greeted heartily when she appeared. Last night Mrs. John Rogers was the speaker.

Even Up. "Aw, aw," said Snoblauch—"It must be—aw—very unpleasant for you Americans to be—aw—governed by people whom you wouldn't ask to dinner."

"Oh, I don't know," said the American girl; "no more so than for you to be governed by people who wouldn't ask you to dinner."—Ladies Home Journal.

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Women from both the suffrage and the anti-suffrage camps packed the ball room of the New Willard Hotel yesterday afternoon for the first hearing ever granted by the Democratic national committee on the suffrage question.

Today found both the "suff" and the "anti" explaining some of the lively incidents that occurred at the meeting, including the hissing of one of the "anti" speakers, and the allegation, made in loud tones by a woman wearing the suffrage colors, that Mrs. Arthur Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, "came down here to speak for \$75."

The doors of the committee room, in the New Willard ball room, were thrown open at 4 o'clock for the hearing. Women from both the suffrage bodies, the National American Woman Suffrage Association and the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, promptly filed into the room, and they were followed by a large delegation of "antis."

Champ Clark There.

Speaker Champ Clark was in a front row and he was invited to sit on the platform during the hearing.

"I'll stay right here," he replied, amid laughter from the delegates. The women filled up the hall in such a hurry that many of those whom they had come to address, including members of the national committee, and members of both houses of Congress, were left standing outside.

Two of those who tried to get in were John T. Edie Graves and Colonel Greenwood Rainey of Illinois. Colonel Graves was seized by a stalwart member of the committee, and in football fashion was projected through the jam, but Congressman Rainey's bulkier figure was not amenable to such efforts, and he walked away after vain efforts to get through the crowd.

Each Given 15 Minutes.

Chairman McComb announced that the national association, the Congressional Union, and the "anti" would be allowed fifteen minutes each. Mrs. Florence Kelly, of New York, introduced Mrs. Sara Bard Field, of Oregon; Mrs. John H. Hill, of California; and Mrs. Mary Wolstenholme, a member of the Utah legislature, for the union. Mrs. Antoinette Funk and Mrs. Ida Husted Harper spoke for the National American Association.

Then came Mrs. Arthur Dodge, who read a brief statement, in which she pointed out that the Democratic party stood for States' rights, and that President Wilson had said that suffrage was a State, not a national, issue.

As she sat down the trouble began. A suffragist sitting near her said: "You were paid \$75 for coming down here and doing that."

Mrs. Dodge flushed, then replied: "I don't want to be paid for doing what I do not only have not received a cent for my services, but I have financed the work of others."

Hisses for "Anti." By this time the second "anti" speaker had begun to talk. She was Mrs. A. J. George, of Boston. She said the States which had shown Democratic gains in the last election were States in which the Congressional Union had been working against the Democrats.

At this she was hissed, and Mrs. George remarked: "I have the fitness of women to go into politics illustrated while we wait."

Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the Congressional Union, last evening stated the woman who made the remark. Mrs. Dodge was unknown to her and was not a member of the union.

The hearing before the committee was most satisfactory, and on a day when two suffrage bills were introduced in the Senate, and a national committee heard us and we were given a date for a hearing before a Senate committee, we feel suffrage has taken a long step ahead."

Patronesses of Anthony Pageant Are Announced

The names of the patronesses of the Susan B. Anthony Pageant which is to be presented in Convention Hall, Monday evening, under the auspices of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, were announced today by Miss Hazel Mackaye, author and director of the production.

They include Mrs. Christian Hemmick, Mrs. George Odell, Mrs. G. Brown Miller, Mrs. Henry Blount, Mrs. Morven Thompson, Mrs. Barrett Riddle, Mrs. Robert Peary, wife of Rear Admiral Peary, U. S. N.; Mrs. Richard Wainwright, Mrs. Robert Baker, Mrs. Henry Macfarland, Mrs. Anneton P. Clark, Mrs. Theodore Noyes, Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, Mrs. Henry Graves, wife of the chief forester, Mrs. C. B. Sigbee, wife of Rear Admiral Sigbee, Mrs. Clara I. Neely, of Neighborhood House; Mrs. George Sutherland, wife of Senator Sutherland; Mrs. Reed Smith, Mrs. William M. Horak, Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, Mrs. Frank W. Mondell, Mrs. Reeve Lewis, and Mrs. Henry Ashurst, wife of Senator Ashurst.

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School Janitors Elect H. F. McQueeney President

H. F. McQueeney, superintendent of the public schools, was elected president of the local organization of School Custodians and Janitors' Union, at a meeting in the Typographical Temple last night.

Other officers named were W. McCloskey and A. Ammann, vice presidents; E. A. O'Neill, financial secretary; C. A. Anderson, treasurer, and W. H. Jones, W. H. Robertson, and W. S. Kelper, trustees. Communications from more than 75 per cent of the citizens' associations of the district were read, endorsing the request of the school janitors for more pay. The organization expressed gratification at the action of the Board of Education and the District Commissioners in recommending an increase.

Meetings to Aid Lepers Continue Until Tuesday

Miss Bertha G. Johnson and W. M. Danner, officials of the American Committee of the Mission to Lepers, and Dr. J. W. McKean, superintendent of the leper asylum at Chiang Mai, Laos, Indo-China, will be the speakers at the meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Interdenominational Missionary Union in the Memorial Lutheran Church, Ninth street and Maryland avenue northeast, this evening.

Miss Johnson spoke on the needs of lepers, at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church this morning. The visitors have been making addresses in Washington churches every day up to next Tuesday.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS WILL SPEAK NIGHTLY

Addresses to Be Delivered at Headquarters of Convention Committee.

Women affiliated with the various organizations of the National American Woman Suffrage Association will speak at headquarters of the convention committee, 1207 F street northwest, each evening from now until the convention opens on December 14, it was announced today. Mrs. Allen Hoar, of California, spoke last night. She told of the influence of suffrage as she had seen it in her home State, and said that through the ballot women enjoyed enormous business advantages.

By request, Mrs. Hoar will repeat her address tomorrow morning before a group of society women headed by Mrs. Frank Hiram Snell. Mrs. Antoinette Funk, vice chairman of the Congressional committee, will speak tomorrow evening. She will describe the recent suffrage campaign in the East, in which she took part.

On Saturday evening the Washington Woman Suffrage Council will meet at convention headquarters for its regular monthly session. Mrs. Alice Lee Moque will speak of her experiences in the Mediterranean war zone. Mrs. Glenna Smith Tinnin, who has charge of the decoration of the Willard ball room for the National American Woman Suffrage Association convention, today announced the names of her assistants as follows: Miss Reine Ferrin, Miss Iva King, Miss Dorothy Wood, Miss Elizabeth Howrie, Miss Effie Baker Lewis, Miss Mary Howrie, Miss Gladys Patter, Miss Elizabeth Hart, Miss Elizabeth Kingsbury, Miss Clara Kingsbury, Miss Elizabeth Heilmann, Miss Mildred Anderson, Miss Katherine Abraham, and Mrs. Estelle W. Jones. These young women are designing the decorations, working out an elaborate symbolic scheme, making the hangings and dyeing the fabrics themselves in order to secure the exact effect desired.

Chicago Theater Burns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The Alhambra Theater, one of the oldest playhouses in Chicago, was virtually destroyed yesterday by a fire that routed guests from the Carleton, a hotel adjoining. Little damage was done to the hotel. The Alhambra at one time was famous as a home of melodrama.

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